

Self-Represented Litigants Program Judge and Staff Survey

The court is collecting information on the court's program to assist self-represented litigants. The court's program includes the following:

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement, based on your experience as a judicial officer over the past six months, whether the following statements about the court's program to assist self-represented litigants:

	The court's program to assist self-represented litigants has:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable/ No Opinion
1.	Improved the completeness and correctness of documents filed by self-represented persons	5	4	3	2	1	0
2.	Improved the availability of necessary evidence and witnesses	5	4	3	2	1	0
3.	Improved self-represented persons' ability to participate effectively in court proceedings	5	4	3	2	1	0
4.	Improved self-represented persons' ability to "tell their stories"	5	4	3	2	1	0
5.	helped create more realistic expectations in self-represented persons	5	4	3	2	1	0
6.	reduced the need for court assistance to complete a hearing	5	4	3	2	1	0
7.	reduced the amount of hearing time generally required for self-represented persons	5	4	3	2	1	0

8. In what percentage of cases involving self-represented persons have hearings or trials had to be re-scheduled because of a self represented party's lack of preparation?

- ☐ Less than 10%
☐ 10% to 25%
☐ 26% to 50%
☐ More than 50%
☐ I don't know

9. In your experience, are there particular types of cases in which litigants should not represent themselves? If so, what types of cases and why?

10. What are the three most pressing problems that self-represented persons continue to have in your court today and what, if anything, could the court do to address those problems?

A) Problem

What the court could do about it

B) Problem

What the court could do about it

C) Problem

What the court could do about it

11. What position do you hold at the court?

- ☐ Judicial officer
- ☐ Judge's office staff
- ☐ Judge's courtroom staff
- ☐ Public counter position
- ☐ Other _____

When you have completed the survey, please put it into the envelope provided, seal the envelope and mail or hand deliver it by _____, to

Thank you very much for assisting the court by providing this information.

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